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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated:

1. (Currently Amended)

A gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet defining an interior space, said cabinet having a base portion, a play area and a console portion, said play area located between said base portion and said console portion, said play area extending forwardly beyond said base portion, said console portion extending upwardly from said play area; and

at least one display associated with said console portion, said console portion having an opening therein, said display mounted for movement between a first position in which said display is mounted in said opening and a second position in which at least a portion of said display is positioned outwardly of said opening, and wherein access to an interior area of said cabinet is provided through said opening.

2. (Currently Amended)

The gaming machine in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said display is mounted between said console and a bezel, said bezel mounted for movement between a first position in which it engages a face of said console portion and a second position in which at least a portion thereof is positioned outwardly of said console portion.

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3. (Currently Amended)

The gaming machine in accordance with Claim 1 wherein a gaming controller is mounted in a space within said interior area of said cabinet at least partially behind said opening in said console.

4. (Original)

The gaming machine in accordance with Claim 3 including a controller platform located in said interior space, said gaming controller mounted to said controller platform, said controller platform mounted for movement.

5. (Currently Amended)

The gaming machine in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said controller platform is mounted for movement between a first position in which a base portion supporting said gaming controller is generally horizontal and a second position in which said base portion is tilted towards said opening in said console portion.

6.-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended)

The gaming machine in accordance with Claim 1 9 including a plurality of access panels providing access to said interior area of said cabinet at said base portion.

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12. (Original)

The gaming machine in accordance with Claim 11 wherein one or more of said access panels are mounted to said cabinet and rotatable upwardly with respect thereto.

13. - 17. (Canceled)

18. (New)

The gaming machine in accordance with Claim 1 wherein a first pair of pins extend outwardly from opposing sides of said display, said pins rotatably engaging said cabinet.

19. (New)

The gaming machine in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said first pair of pins are located at a bottom portion of said display, whereby a top portion of said display may move towards and away from said cabinet when said display is moved between its first and second positions.

20. (New)

The gaming machine in accordance with Claim 19 including a stop limiting forward rotation of said display to its second position.

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21. (New)

A gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet defining an interior space, said cabinet having a base portion, a play area and a console portion, said play area located between said base portion and said console portion, said play area extending forward beyond said base portion, said console portion extending upwardly from said play area; and

a display configured to present game information to a player, said display located at an opening in said cabinet, said display rotatably connected to said cabinet and movable with respect to a fixed portion of said cabinet adjacent said display, said display movable between a first position in which said display closes said opening and a second position in which said display is rotated forward and permits access to said interior of said cabinet through said opening.

22. (New)

The gaming machine in accordance with Claim 21 wherein said display is mounted between said console and a bezel, said bezel mounted for movement between a first position in which it engages a face of said console and a second position in which at least a portion thereof is positioned outwardly of said console.

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23. (New)

The gaming machine in accordance with Claim 21 wherein a gaming controller is mounted in said interior space and is accessible through said opening when said display is in said second position, said gaming controller mounted to a controller platform, said controller platform mounted for movement between a first position in which a base portion supporting said gaming controller is generally horizontal and a second position in which said base portion is tilted towards said opening in said console and in which said gaming controller is generally aligned with said opening.

24. (New)

The gaming machine in accordance with Claim 21 wherein a first pair of pins extend outwardly from opposing sides of said display at a top portion thereof and a second pair of pins extend outwardly from said opposing sides of said display at a bottom portion thereof, said second pair of pins rotatably connected to said cabinet and said second pair of pins configured to selectively maintain said display in said first position.

25. (New)

The gaming machine in accordance with Claim 21 including a stop limiting movement of said display to said second position.